

1 ABSTRACT

2 INS. A17 Methods and systems for generating and sending an XML document are
3 described. In a specific implementation, methods and systems for responding to
4 an XML client request are described. In the described embodiment, an XML
5 response generator is provided. The XML response generator responds to a client
6 request without having to first build and save a hierarchical tree structure in
7 memory that represents the response. The response generator includes one or
8 more request method objects. There is one object for each particular type of client
9 request that might be received. Each request method object knows and gathers the
10 data that is needed to respond to its particular associated client request. In
11 addition, the request method object knows a particular order that the information
12 must be provided. An emitter object is provided and receives calls from the
13 request method object. The calls include the data that is gathered by the request
14 method object. The calls are made in a particular order and ensure that the
15 hierarchical nature of the response that is being built is preserved. The emitter
16 object translates the data that it receives into response portions that are in proper
17 XML syntactic form. A body object is provided and manages a buffer. The body
18 object receives calls from the emitter object that include the properly-formatted
19 XML response portions. The response portions are placed in the buffer. When a
20 defined buffer threshold is reached, the buffered response portions are sent to the
21 client.